

**Amendments to the claims:**

1. (currently amended) A headlight for vehicles that emits light in the near-infrared range and that has both a light source, which projects not only in the infrared range but also in the visible range, and an infrared range-transmissive filter, wherein characterized in that a transition range of the filter (6) extends from the infrared range into the red spectral range of the visible range, and further spectral components in the visible range are emitted in attenuated form, and having a diaphragm located between the light source and a lens, wherein the filter is disposed in an opening of the diaphragm, wherein the opening is completely framed by the diaphragm.

2. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the further spectral components and the red component admitted by the filter (6) produce a color impression which is not red.

3. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the filter is transmissive for the further spectral components.

4. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the further spectral components and the red component include the visible range.

5. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transmission of the filter (6) is greater in the short-wave range of the further spectral components than in their long-wave range.

6. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the filter (6) is located in front of the headlight (~~1 through 4~~).

7. (canceled)

8. (canceled)

9. (canceled)

10. (currently amended) The headlight according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the diaphragm (7) has a trapezoidal opening (8).